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SUBJECT: DENKTASH TERMS U.S. INITIATIVE "UNTIMELY"

1. REFLECTING HIS GROWING SENSE OF IRRATION OVER PRESSURES,
REAL AND IMAGINED, FROM U.S. AND ANKARA, DENKTASH IN EVENING
PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 11 SHARPLY COMPLAINED ABOUT OUTSIDE
PRESSURES, CALLED U.S. INITIATIVES AND CLIFFORD MISSION "UNTIMELY",
AND SAID THERE IS NO ROLE FOR THE SUPERPOWERS TO PLAY IN THE
CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE ASSERTED THAT PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE SOLVED
BY TWO COMMUNITIES THEMSELVES DISCUSSING IT "OVER MONTHS AND
YEARS".

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2. ASKED WHY THE PRESENT TIME WAS MORE CONVENIENT FOR PROGRESS
THAN ANY TIME IN THE PAST YEAR, DENKTASH REPLIED: "I WANTED TO
MOVE BEFORE THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE, AND I DID. I THINK
MAKARIOS MOVED ...BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SHOW HIMSELF TO THE
AMERICANS AS A MAN READY TO SETTLE AND EVEN READY TO COMPROMISE."
ASKED IF HIS ONLY REASON FOR MOVING NOW WAS TO FORECLOSE THE
AMERICAN INITIATIVE, DENKTASH SAID: "IT WAS NOT A QUESTION

OF FORECLOSING; IT WAS A QUESTION OF SHOWING THE WORLD THAT WE
HAD NOT LEFT THE TABLE..."

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, DENKTASH SAID THAT HIS FIRST
MEETING WITH MAKARIOS WAS "HOPEFUL" AND THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT
MAKARIOS HAD ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION. DESPITE BAITING BY
NEWSMEN, DENKTASH AVOIDED ATTACKS ON ARCHBISHOP AND SAID THAT
RESULT OF FEBRUARY 12 MEETING COULD BE FORMULATION OF GENERAL
PRINCIPLES WHICH COULD THEN BE GIVEN TO NEGOTIATORS.
"CONCESSIONS ARE REQUIRED FROM BOTH SIDES", HE SAID. I THINK
IF THE NEGOTIATORS AND THE LEADERS GO ABOUT IT WITH AN OPEN
MIND LEAVING CERTAIN THINGS TO TIME AND NOT INSISTING ON A
DIRECT DECISION NOW ON THIS OR THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE, IF THEY
GRANT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REALITY OF THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND IF
WE MOVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY, I THINK WE CAN MAKE HEADWAY."
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